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Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY ABSORBENT  
STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING SAME

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed 24 November 2003,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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